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Message from the Mayor

When I told citizens in my January inauguration speech of my plan to help bring 100,000 new residents to our city, it wasn't just idle chatter. The plan is a real one — and it's a plan that can benefit our entire city by continuing the District of Columbia's ongoing renaissance.

To help meet my goal of 100,000 new residents, the District is launching a brand-new marketing campaign that we're calling "*city living, dc style!*" Targeting commuters, current renters, young professionals and empty-nesters, *city living, dc style!* brings together all the reasons to move to the District — housing for all incomes, recreation for all ages and entertainment for every taste.

We're kicking off the campaign on Wednesday, June 11 at 5 p.m. at Farragut Square in Northwest (Farragut North or Farragut West Metro stations). The campaign will culminate with a free public expo on October 24 – 26, 2003 in the brand new Washington Convention Center. At the expo, citizens and visitors can get all the information they need to rent or buy a home in the District. We'll have virtual neighborhood tours, mortgage assistance — everything but keys to a new home. The *city living, dc style!* campaign is a partnership among the D.C. Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development, the Washington, D.C. Marketing Center and the TCI Companies.

As I travel throughout the city every day, and travel outside of the District to help promote our city, I hear again and again that people think Washington is simply monuments and museums. What I tell people is: think again. We have so much more to offer citizens than monuments and museums.

Here are a few examples: Rhode Island Place in Ward 5 is open. Best Buy and The Container Store at 4500 Wisconsin Ave., NW in Tenleytown are under construction. Target is on its way to Columbia Heights. Costco is coming to Fort Lincoln. One H&M store in Georgetown is open — and a second 27,000-square-foot store downtown will open in September 2003.

Also, "Cady's Alley" in Georgetown is now open. In 1998, developer Anthony Lanier purchased property on M Street in Georgetown to build Cady's Alley, named after the cobblestone street that links M Street's shops to the historic buildings on the C&O Canal. Construction of Cady's Alley 130,000 square feet of retail took a 30-month partnership between Lanier and the District. The District renovated the alley with a federal grant, and Lanier and Eastbanc went to work on the retail. In total, the partnership resulted in \$65 million in investment in city retail.

We've also got some more exciting projects on the way:

- Gallery Place (Gallery Place Investors) at H & 7th St., NW. This development, scheduled to open in Spring 2004, is a mixed-use project with 192 units of rental housing, 210,000 square feet of office space, 260,000 square feet of retail and 690 parking spaces. Retailers include Jillian's, Benetton City Sports and a 14-screen United Artists movie theater with stadium seating.
- Camp Simms (Congress Heights Redevelopment) at Alabama Avenue and Stanton Road, SE. This development consists of 106,000 square feet of retail with a Giant Food in the works.

As I've said before, the District government is also working overtime to provide quality, affordable housing options for anyone who wants to buy — current residents and 100,000 new residents alike. We're also working to provide people the assistance they need to move from renting to homeownership. Our goal is to help our city become first in the nation in new homeownership.

So please join me at the City Living Expo in October for some city living, dc style!

Meanwhile, to learn more about our city living efforts and to view a copy of our "District's Business" newsletter online, please visit: www.dcbiz.dc.gov.



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Glocalization Conference in Rome

During the last week of May, I traveled overseas to join leaders from municipalities around the world to attend the Second Annual Glocalization Conference in Rome. This event, sponsored by Global Metro City — The Glocal Forum, focused on “glocalization” as an approach for balancing the opportunities of globalization with local interests and values.

The conference brought together mayors from cities around the world, international institutions, non-governmental organizations and private sector leaders to help increase inter-city relations and city diplomacy. The conference focused on city diplomacy, youth empowerment, inter-city relations, tourism, glocalization and city culture.

It's not often that municipal officials from around the world have a chance to speak with each other frankly about the concerns we face. My goal is to learn from that dialogue about how we can continue improving life in the District of Columbia.

The conference emphasized the importance of “glocalization” as an innovative trend to more equitable international relations dealing with poverty, disease, social-economic gaps and peacebuilding through greater respect for local cultural identity, interests and the role of local players. We stressed the central role of cities and mayors, and the relations between them, in creating a new pattern of city diplomacy in order to advance these goals.

In total, 10,000 cities were represented at the conference. During the conference, workgroups focused on topics such as city diplomacy, socio-economic development, civil society involvement, tourism, youth, sports, culture, media, and information technology. There were also roundtable discussions and panels on city-to-city peace building, international relations and economic development.

Among the many exercises I participated in was a panel discussion on urban development and a special session between young people and mayors entitled, “Youth Vision for 2020: The Mayors of Today Meet the Mayors of Tomorrow.” Next year, a major emphasis will be on the central role of youth in shaping glocalization. Glocalization has become an effective balance and reform of globalization and should be promoted worldwide as a movement for global equity, peacebuilding, and stability, continuing its various projects in an inclusive way.

Community Profile

Chanell Autrey

Chanell Autrey has been a committed member of the American Red Cross' Youth Task Force for over two years. Since she's been a part of the Youth Task Force, Chanell has volunteered at the Saint Ann's infant home and Saint Mary's Court making Thanksgiving baskets and Christmas cards for the underprivileged. One of Chanell's favorite projects was “Trick or Suite” at Embassy Suites. In this program, Chanell covered the room with Halloween decorations and invited local youth to come enjoy games and share holiday candy.

Chanell is also the president of the Community Service Club at her school, School Without Walls. As the Community Service President, Chanell is always planning new service projects. In one recent project, she visited a local hospital to entertain sick children. “I love to help people out,” Chanell said.

When Chanell is not helping the sick or feeding the hungry, she serves as a student government representative and sings in the St. Marks Baptist Church choir. This year, Chanell is planning to run for vice president for the American Red Cross' Youth Task Force.

Chanell was one of the three youth spokespersons, along with Michael Clark and Jeremy Drummond, for National Youth Service Day 2003, which involved over 8,000 youth in service across the District of Columbia. On National Youth Service Day, Chanell served with the American Red Cross on a gardening incentive at the Lincoln Heights Community Center.

Chanell is the May youth winner of the Mayor's Community Service Award, sponsored by the DC Commission on National and Community Service. If you would like to nominate a youth or adult for the Mayor's Community Service Award, visit www.cnscs.dc.gov for the nomination form and more information or call 202-727-9461.



Chanell Autrey



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USTA Fed Cup Comes to DC

For the first time since 1991, professional women's tennis is coming to the District of Columbia — this time to Rock Creek Park in Ward 4.

On May 28, city officials joined the United States Tennis Association (USTA) in announcing that the USTA has selected Washington, D.C. as the host city for the 2003 United States versus Italy Fed Cup quarterfinal July 19 and July 20 at the William H.G. FitzGerald Tennis Center.

Led by Captain Billie Jean King, the United States Fed Cup team will face Italy in a best-of-five match series in the world's premier international women's team tennis competition. Eight countries are still pursuing the 2003 Fed Cup title, and it's an honor to have a segment of the title held in the District. The winner of the July match will advance to the final four competition at the Fed Cup Finals the week of November 17.

The FitzGerald Tennis Center is a public tennis facility in Rock Creek Park, long known as the home of the ATP Legg Mason Classic tennis tournament. The FitzGerald Center is equipped with a high-quality outdoor hard court surface. As it's now scheduled, the U.S. Fed Cup event will consist of two singles matches Saturday, July 19, and two singles and one doubles match Sunday, July 20.

U.S. Fed Cup Captain Billie Jean King and Italy Fed Cup Captain Corrado Barrazzutti will announce the makeup of their playing teams in the tournament by July 9. King, one of the great players in tennis history, will have a strong field of American women from which to select the U.S. team. Seven of the top 20-ranked players in the world are Americans, and it's a delight that our citizens will have an opportunity to see them play.

In short, I am thrilled that the USTA has chosen the District of Columbia for this prestigious international event. It is another example of how Washington, D.C. has become a premier sports destination for world class events. The Fed Cup represents the diversity and international popularity of the sport and we look forward to hosting the U.S. Fed Cup team, our visiting guests from Italy, and all those who plan to attend the event.

I look forward to seeing all of you in Rock Creek Park for these important matches! Tickets go on sale the week of June 9 and will be available by calling (888) 334-8782.

District of Columbia Public School Faculty, Students and Administrators Honored

On June 2, I was pleased to join District of Columbia Schools Superintendent Paul Vance and other local officials to honor DC Public Schools students, faculty and administrators who received national and international recognition during the 2002-2003 school year.

This year marks the inaugural presentation of what will be the annual Monarch Awards and Honors. The Superintendent Monarch Award is the highest educational honor bestowed upon students, faculty and administrators in the District of Columbia Public Schools who have national or international recognition during an academic school year. The Monarch Award, which symbolizes the characteristics of the regal Monarch butterfly, represents the honoree's resilience, persistence, fortitude and ability to go the distance to achieve educational excellence. It is a prestigious award that recognizes superior performance.

There's an old saying, "No matter what you do, teachers work harder than you do." To paraphrase that, "No matter what you do, DCPS teachers and DCPS students work harder than many people do!" At the ceremony, I was pleased to congratulate all our hardworking students and teachers being honored. Their contribution to our city and our school system is the promise of today and tomorrow.

Two of the awardees are individuals I've talked about in recent months:

- Dr. Barry Sprague, of Park View Elementary School, who was the District's teacher of the year.
- Harry Stein, of Wilson Senior High School. Harry, as I said in my January inauguration speech, scored a perfect 1600 on his SATs.

Other recipients of awards included Kim Ables and John Mahoney, both Benjamin Banneker Senior High School teachers. The two developed a curriculum that won a \$20,000 award from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. The project combined statistics and biology and allowed students to study the effects of obesity, drug addiction, poverty and other social issues that affect people in low-income communities. Dayo Akinsheye, a teacher at Seaton Elementary school received recognition as a recipient of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics Teaching.

Again, I congratulate all the awardees for a job well done!



District Activities



Office of Veterans Affairs Director Kerwin Miller shakes hands with District armed forces representatives during a ceremony for Military Appreciation Week on May 25.



Council member Adrian Fenty (Ward 4) joined City Administrator John Koskinen and Chief of Staff Kelvin Robinson on May 28 in announcing that the women's tennis Fed Cup tournament is slated to come to the District in July.



One day after his 95th birthday, Sgt. Wilbur Carmalt (retired) was named Honorary Fire/EMS Chief of the District of Columbia at the quarters of Engine 23. Sgt. Carmalt is the District's oldest living former firefighter.

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| 06/09 | Block Party with Mayor, Councilmembers and former Washington baseball stars
5:00 pm
Corner of 8th and D Streets, NW |
| 06/11 | Kick-off of City Living, DC Style
5:00 pm
Farragut Square |
| 06/13 | Orange Hat Patrol Workshop: Start and Manage an Orange Hat Patrol in Your Neighborhood
MPD and Mid-Atlantic Regional Community Policing Institute
9:00 am - 1 pm
Bruce-Monroe Elementary School (Multipurpose Room)
3012 Georgia Avenue, NW |
| 06/14 | Flag Day Bike Ride to 50 State-Named Streets
8:00 am
John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
For more information, www.waba.org |
| 6/28 | DC Healthy Families Fit for a Lifetime - Men Make It Happen Health and Wellness Conference
8:30 am
Hamilton Crowne Plaza
14th and K Street, NW |
| 6/28 | 11th Annual DC Caribbean Carnival Parade
3rd Street and Madison Avenue, NW |

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